

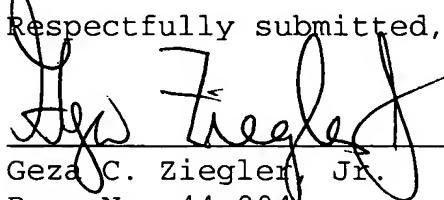
### III. REMARKS

1. The Abstract is amended to comply with U.S. practice.
2. Claims 1 and 6 - 23 are amended to remove reference numbers and correct a spelling error.
3. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 3. Claim 1 is amended accordingly and claims 2-3 are cancelled without prejudice.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

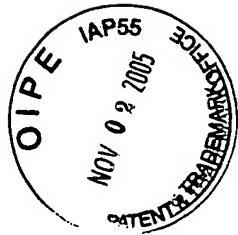


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